



## **FOOD SECURITY ON NORFOLK ISLAND**

Interested community members are invited to a discussion about the potential for reticulation and reuse of wastewater in Norfolk Island with Chris Thompson.

Many community members would be aware that Norfolk Island Regional Council are seeking opportunities to upgrade the current Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) for the island. Council resolved to pursue an upgrade to the STP as a priority, which would produce water of a standard suitable for use in agriculture. However, an assessment of likely on-island users, delivery methods and potential pricing is critical to ensure a viable wastewater reuse scheme.

Chris Thompson is a Partner, Water Resources Manager and Director of Pinion Advisory, a national Agricultural and Water consultancy business based in Tasmania. In addition to international projects, Chris has worked extensively developing irrigation schemes around Tasmania as well as innovative reuse of wastewater with Melbourne Water. His relevant area of expertise is “concept development and planning of sustainable and effective agricultural water resource and irrigation outcomes”.

There will be an opportunity for the community to ask questions of Chris, but also hear updates from NIRC staff on the plans to upgrade the Water Assurance Scheme and work being done to support Food Security on Norfolk Island, including facilitation of a Land Capability Assessment for agriculture.

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**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of March 5:30 – 6:30, Christian’s Cave.**